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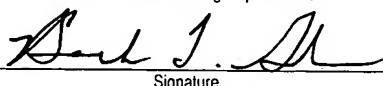
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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal
For: COUNTING SYSTEM AND COUNTING METHOD
By: Hironori SUMITOMO and Koji FUJIWARA
Attorney Docket: 15162/06270

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with COUNTING SYSTEM AND COUNTING METHOD, Hironori SUMITOMO and Koji FUJIWARA, inventors.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (43 pages, including 17 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (19 sheets) (Figs. 1-23); and
- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages).

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Priority Document No. 2003-191809 (64 pages);
- (6) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to KONICA MINOLTA HOLDINGS, INC. with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (7) One Return Receipt Post Card each for the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5) and (6) above.

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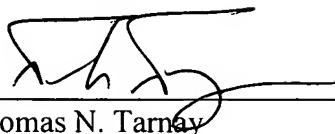
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Respectfully submitted,

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